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Nick Wendell
Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Technical Education
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Dear Nick:

Please accept this letter as notification that Western Dakota Tech would like to make the following change to the newly approved Construction Technology diploma program. This change will be effective for the 2018-19 academic year.

- The addition of a Construction Technology certificate option

This change to the Construction Technology program is based on the following reasons:

- To increase student opportunity for stackable credentials – This new certificate option will serve as an additional exit point from the existing program or it may be applied as a stackable credential option.
- To better serve industry needs – The certificate option allows for an early exit point for graduates to enter the workforce. Graduates will be able to secure employment after completion of the certificate program and complete two additional classes (online or on-ground) to complete the diploma program.

In summary, the changes to the program are a significant benefit to our students and industry employers. In addition, the change better aligns with the WDT mission "...a commitment to academic excellence to teach the knowledge, skills, and behaviors students need to be successful."

The CIP code for the program will remain the same.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,



Dr. Ann Bolman
President